



## **IRISH LIFE INVESTMENT MANAGERS (ILIM)**

### ***The week that was – WEEK 39 (ending 25/09/2015)***

***“If not us, who? If not now, when?” – Hillel The Elder***

**Government is examining bigger tax-cuts for Budget 2016** – Government officials are looking at the scope for a bigger tax-cuts package than the agreed €750 million limit. In order to fund these tax cuts, an increase in tax on tobacco and diesel as well as an increase in the €150 million annual bank levy were mentioned.

**ESRI says Dublin central short of office space for FDI projects** – The Economic and Social Research Institute in a research note published says Dublin is short of office potential for FDI (foreign direct investment) projects such as Google in the past. It said a suitable office for 500 people would not be available until 2017.

**Fed Chief says U.S. rate rise still on for 2015** – Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said the Fed was on track to raise interest rates this year, as U.S. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter economic growth was revised upwards again. The Commerce Department said GDP grew at a 3.9% annualized rate, up from a 3.7% estimate in August.

**ECB President says banks have capital way above requirement** – ECB President Mario Draghi said on Wednesday, when dismissing concerns from some national central banks, that most euro zone banks directly supervised by the European Central Bank have capital levels way above minimum regulatory requirements.

**London leapfrogs New York as world's leading financial centre** – London regained its crown as the world's leading financial hub, according to a survey of 2,000 industry professionals. London had top billing for seven years running in the twice-yearly survey, but lost out to New York last year so the short reign ends.

**Japan PM unveils 600 trillion yen GDP goal** – At a news conference marking his election to a second three-year term as ruling Liberal Democratic Party leader, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed on Thursday to raise gross domestic product by nearly a quarter to 600 trillion Japanese yen (\$5 trillion).

**The Story of the week:** Hidekichi Miyazaki from Japan has broken his own world record as the oldest competitive sprinter, and is able to do the 100metres in a speedy 42.22 seconds. Mr Miyazaki is 105 and regularly competes in the 100metre sprint. Mr Miyazaki said: "Today my target was 35 seconds ... I shed tears of disappointment ...."

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## Index Performances and Market Data\*

<b>Equity Markets % (in Local Currency)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 YTD (to 25/09)</b>
ISEQ Overall Return	-0.1	2.6	20.5	35.8	16.8	23.2
FTSE 100 TR	12.6	-2.2	10.0	18.7	0.7	-3.8
Euro Stoxx 50 TR	-2.8	-14.1	18.1	21.5	4.0	1.3
S&P 500 TR	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	-4.7
Nasdaq Composite	16.9	-1.8	15.9	38.3	13.4	-0.8
Nikkei 225	-3.0	-17.3	22.9	56.7	7.1	2.5
MSCI Emerging Markets	11.7	-14.9	13.9	0.9	2.6	-9.2
MSCI World	7.8	-7.6	13.1	26.2	7.7	-4.6
<b>Sovereign 10yr Bond Yields (%)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 YTD</b>
US	3.3	1.9	1.7	3.0	2.2	2.2
German	3.0	1.8	1.4	1.9	0.5	0.6
UK	3.4	2.0	1.9	3.0	1.9	1.8
Japan	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3
Ireland	9.1	8.4	4.5	3.4	1.3	1.2
Italy	4.8	7.1	4.6	4.1	2.1	1.8
Greece	12.5	31.7	12.7	8.2	9.6	8.3
Portugal	6.6	13.4	6.9	6.1	2.7	2.5
Spain	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.1	1.6	2.0
<b>Central Bank Rates (%)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 YTD</b>
ECB	1	1	0.75	0.25	0.05	0.05
Bank of England	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.50	0.50
US Federal Reserve	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<b>Foreign Exchange Rates</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 YTD</b>
Euro/Dollar (€/\$)	1.34	1.30	1.31	1.37	1.21	1.12
Euro/Sterling (€/£)	0.86	0.83	0.81	0.83	0.78	0.73
Sterling/Dollar (£/\$)	1.56	1.55	1.61	1.65	1.56	1.52
<b>IPD All Property Return (%)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 YTD</b>
Ireland	-2.4	-2.4	3.1	12.7	40.1	4.3 (Q 1)
UK	14.5	8.1	2.7	10.7	17.8	2.9 (Q 1)
US	14.8	14.5	5.3	11.4	11.2	3.1 (Q 1)

\*Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance